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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 22, 1863.

To the House of Representatives :

In response to your resolution of the 10th inst., I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering "a list of the officers of artillery in the provisional army, for the performance of ordnance duty, appointed since the 16th day of September, 1862," and the "roll of merit" reported by the Board of Examiners.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

COMMUNICATION FROM SECRETARY OF WAR.

C. S. A., WAR DEPARTMENT, Richmond, Va., Dec. 19, 1863.

To the President of the Confederate States:

Sir: In response to a resolution of the House of Representatives,

adopted on the 10th instant, I have the honor to transmit:

1st. "A list of the officers of artillery in the provisional army, for the performance of ordnance duty, appointed since the 16th day of September, 1862, showing the rank of each and the duty to which he is assigned."

2d. The "roll of merit" reported by the board of officers, constituted by general order No. 68, of 1862, and referred to in general order No. 12, of 1863, as the general roll of merit established by the

examiner's.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

LIST OF ARTILLERY OFFICERS for Ordnance duties appointed since September 16, 1862, showing rank and assignment of each.

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Official:

S. COOPER,
A. and I. General.

A. and I. G.'s Office, Richmond, Dec. 18, 1863.

ROLL OF MERIT of Artillery Officers for Ordnance Duty, reported by Board of Officers constituted by General Orders No. 68, A. & I. G. O., Series of 1862:

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No. 1,	Wm. Allen	Virginia.	
6 2	J. Wilcox Brown	14	
4 3,	J. C. Litte Charles Grattan	44	
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11,	J. M. Boyd.	Virginia,	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	C. C. Pinekney	South Carolina.	
9	John M. Gregory	Virginia.	
10	John M. Gregory Thos. W. Pictos Jas. G. Clarke	North Carolina.	
** 11.	Jas. G Clarke	Di-trict of Columbia.	
· 1·2.		Virginia.	
44 122	Henry Seabrook	South Carolina.	
	Leonidas Points	Virginia.	
15,	Paul C. Venable	**	
	Win, N. McDonald	Kentucky.	
" 17, " 18,	II. P. Cockrati	V rginia.	
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19,	Chas, b Vanderiord	lexis.	
" 21,	W D Warran	Tennessee.	
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14 2,	C. W. Temple		
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4,	Wm. N. Fontame.	Virginia.	
16 6	Powell Harrison		
. 0,	John F. Porteons, John Morris, Jr.	South Carolina.	
4 4	John Morris, dr	Virginia.	
16 R.	John Morris, dr. Wm. H. Clark. Heorge W. Bussett.		
" 10.	R. C. Wortham.	6	
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4 12,	John M. Frayne. John Foots St. Henry Death (U.	South Carolina.	
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11 16.	S W. M urice.	South Carolina.	
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4 26,	Ed. Mayes	So th Carolina. North Carolina.	
4 27.	C. P. Estil. John L. Blackburn. E. C. Robbers.	Virginia.	
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4 3 5	Walter Hojosday	Virginia.	
46 27	M. C. Burke	Alabama.	
4 32,	John S 'tucker	Missouri.	
44 3.i.	Aller Stevart	South Carolina.	
66 24.	E. C. Gordon	Virginia.	
4 35,	E. C. Gordon. W. A. Parker.	Alabama.	
44 36.	M. H. Hauston	Vit ginia.	
4 37,	E. N. B yel	200	
4 35,	R. V Booth, W J. Morrissett.	Mississippi.	
44 39.	W J. Morrisself	Virginia.	
40,	Hodijah Meade Dabney Coshy, dr. T. E. Wrenn	44	
" 41,	Trabiley Costry, dr	4.6	
42,	C. H. Colomor	Tennessec.	
" 48, " 41,	R. H. Coleman. W. O. English.	Virginia.	
66 45	Geo. H. King	Georgia.	
	Mr. A Obeneul	Virginia.	
447,	I W Stewart	Tennessee.	
	Jas. E. Webb	Alabama.	
6 40	Jas. E. Webb. Horace E Ross. E. J. Thompson.	Tennessee.	
41 50.	E. J. Thompson.	Maryland.	
" 51,	Bradford Nickol	Tennessee.	

Official:

S. COOPER,
Adjutant and Inspector General,

Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, ? Rickmond, December 18, 1863.